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* 2935 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN (on behalf of Sri V. Balakrishnan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the Madras State Gazette is still named the *Fort St. George Gazette*?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The Gazette is so named because the principal seat of the Madras Government is at Fort St. George.

Prayaschithabishekam in temples at Tirukkaravayal

* 2936 *Q.*—SRI S. P. THANGAVELU (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether on 1st June 1955, during the Brahmotsavam in Sri Kailasanayagiambal, etc., temples at Tirukkaravayal, Tanjore district, chandala Prayaschithabishekam is to be made as usual;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the significance of that Abishekam is to purify the precincts of the temple, streets and other places, from the pollution said to have been caused by the Adi-Dravidas (Harijans); and

(*c*) if so, what are the steps taken by the Government to prevent such Abishekams or festivals?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No. It is an abishekam done at the close of the festival each year to ward off " doshams ".

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : May I know whether the Government will shift the emphasis to doing prayaschitham to the people for what they (the Government) have done in the past rather than get away with doing prayaschitham in temples?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Some of those who committed sins are doing prayaschitham. With regard to temples, I think prayaschitham has got to be done every year.

SRI A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR : சண்டாளர்களுக்காகப் பிராயச்சித்தம் செய்வது என்பதை தீண்டாமையை ஒழிக்க வேண்டுமென்று பிரசாரம் செய்யும் நேரத்தில் நடக்க அனுமதிப்பது சரியல்ல. அது அரசியல் சட்டத்திற்கே விரோதம். ஆகவே அம்மாதிரி பிராயச்சித்தம் செய்வதைத் தடுக்க அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : அவ்விடத்தில் வருஷா வருஷம் பிராயச்சித்தம் செய்யப்படுவது வழக்கம். பிராயச்சித்தம் என்பது கோயிலை சுத்திபடுத்துவதுதான். இருந்தாலும் சண்டாளர்கள், என்ற பதத்தை அவர்கள் உபயோகித்திருந்ததால் அதனை நீக்கிவிடும்படி சர்க்கார் உத்திரவு போட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Observance of untouchability in any form by the people is an offence in this country. Will the Government extend the same principle to Gods and punish them also if they observe pollution?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : I cannot understand why the hon. Member is putting this question. There is no untouchability among Gods.

MR. SPEAKER : With the permission of the House, the question time will be extended by ten minutes.

Impersonation in Examination Hall

* 2937 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether any person was arrested for attempted impersonation in the University Examination Hall during the month of March 1955?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No person was arrested in the University Examination Hall during the month of March 1955 for attempted impersonation.

Trawler system of fishing

* 2938 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the trawler system of fishing was recommended for Malabar in the Post-War Development Scheme; and

(*b*) if so, whether this system has been introduced in Malabar and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The trawler system of fishing was not recommended for Malabar district under Post-War Development Schemes. The Department has had no trawler since 1932 to conduct trawling in either the West Coast or the East Coast.

Deaths due to smallpox and chicken-pox

* 2939 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of people that died on account of smallpox and chicken-pox in Azikkode amsom in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, since June 1955 up-to-date?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The number of people that died from smallpox in Azikkode amsom since June 1955 up to 24th September 1955 is 15. There were no deaths from chicken-pox.